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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT MANPOWER PROGRAMS

REF: STATE 138691

1. TRAINING AND RETRAINING PROGRAMS - 1972

A. PUBLIC VOCATIONAL TRAINING 196,870 PERSONS.

B. TRAINING WITHIN INDUSTRY 36,800 PERSONS

C. VACATIONAL TRAINING ALLOWANCE - YEN 32,188 PER MONTH
PER WORKER.

2. CASH INCENTIVES AND BONUSES - 1972

A. PAYMENT TO UNEMPLOYED WHO START WORK EARLY: AVERAGE PAYMENT
- YEN 10,300. NUMBER RECEIVING PAYMENTS - 859,200.

B. REMOVAL EXPENSES FOR THOSE REPLACED BY PUBLIC
EMPLOYMENT OFFICES: AVERAGE COST - YEN 32,415 - NUMBER AFFECTED -
15,360.

C. SUBSIDIES TO EMPLOYERS TO HIRE SEASONALLY DISPLACED WORKERS:
AVERAGE SUBSIDY - YEN 40,000 - NUMBER OF WORKERS - 45,000.

D. HOUSING AND WELFARE FACILITIES LOANS:
HOUSING - YEN 17 BILLION - WELFARE - YEN 1.7 BILLION.

3. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF PROSPECTS - 1972

A. A. TOTAL NUMBER OF CASUAL WORKERS REGISTERED UNDER THE
PROJECT: 132,200.

B. TOTAL AMOUNT OF SUBSIDIES PAID: YEN 36 BILLION.

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4. LABOR MINISTRY HAS NOT YET FURNISHED ANSWERS TO OTHER

QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD WHEN RECEIVED.

5. LABOR MINISTRY IS NOW PUTTING INTO EFFECT ITS SECOND BASIC EMPLOYMENT MEASURES PLAN. DETAILED PROGRAMS HAVE NOT YET BEEN WORKED OUT BUT PLAN IS DESIGNED TO DEAL WITH, INTER ALIA: (A) DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES THAT AFFECT LABOR FORCE, I.E. DECLINING GROWTH RATE OF LABOR FORCE AND RISING AVERAGE AGE OF JAPANESE WORKER; (B) STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN JAPANESE ECONOMY AS THEY AFFECT LABOR FORCE, PARTICULARLY NEED FOR INCREASED VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND RETRAINING; AND (C) JOB DISSATISFACTION AND GENERAL WORKER WELFARE. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD DETAILS OF PROGRAMS AS THEY DEVELOP.
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